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Soph. Stephen Abernathy works Thursday nights at Vecino's, the new coffee house in the student union in place of the Jumping Bean.

Vecino's, the new Jumping Bean

BY CRYSTAL POLLOCK
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Vecino's moved into the student union as the new coffee shop this summer. Formally known as the Jumping Bean, Vecino's is part of a franchise created by Muncie Alliance Church (MAC).

Vecino's, Spanish for "neighbor," is meant to make students and others feel welcome, said manager and Taylor graduate Jordan Kaspar.

Changes from the Jumping Bean included a new menu, new counters, floor and new machines.

"But it's still the same great taste," Kaspar said.

Kaspar manages the shop as

part of an internship at MAC. According to the church's web site, the internship trains people for missions work.

The franchise began in order to help support missions around the world.

"Students should know that the reason Vecino's is here is for ministry," Kaspar said.

With the revenue generated from the shops, MAC plans to create two new leadership training facilities that will train more missionaries in Bangkok, Thailand and Ireland.

"So drink more coffee and support local missionaries," Kaspar said with a smile.

MAC also planted a coffee shop

and church in Huntington called Springwater church and is planning to plant a coffee shop/church in Spain as well.

Five Taylor students currently work at Vecino's, which is the shop's limit. Kaspar said that he hired students based on their experience and the hours they were available to work.

Kaspar is also working with the director of student programs, Steve Austin, to give Vecino's a welcoming atmosphere.

"If students want to put art on the walls, hold concerts here or have any other suggestions, let me know," Kaspar said.

Junior Joanna LaForge worked

at Taylor through an internship with Information Technology over the summer while the changes were taking place.

"Now it looks really nice, and I think it's a creative outreach," she said.

Muncie Alliance also introduced Vecino's to three other locations in Indianapolis, Cedarville and Anderson.

The coffee used at Vecino's comes from Alliance World Coffees. AWC buys whole bean coffee and roasts it in Muncie.

Food such as brownies and other desserts are also available at Vecino's. All items are created in a bakery at MAC.

Tyner wins faculty award in chapel

BY ASHLEY SMITH
NEWS EDITOR

Dr. Cynthia Tyner, chair of the education department, received the 2004 Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award last week in chapel.

The award recognizes outstanding faculty service in areas of classroom teaching techniques, campus leadership, innovative teaching methodology and creative course development and/or instructional support.

"She was such a passionate teacher," said senior Hannah Strader, an elementary education major and a former student of Tyner's. "She did activity oriented things in class to make the classroom more exciting."

In Friday's chapel, Dr. Hadley Mitchell, the 2003 recipient, presented Tyner with the award.

"She has a passion for the work of the gospel," Mitchell said as he was revealing the recipient.

Tyner accepted the award with tears of joy and a look of surprise on her face.

"I was surprised and overwhelmed. I couldn't believe it," Tyner said. "I wasn't expecting any-

thing at all."

Tyner received an award certificate and a check for \$1000.

"I don't know what I'm going to do with [the money]," Tyner said. "It was a gift."

Tyner will also be honored at a banquet with her family, fellow department members and some of Taylor's administration on Sept. 23.

"This is all so foreign to me," Tyner said as she sat in her office. "I've always been in awe of the people that received [this award]"

Tyner works in the education department teaching the kindergarten and elementary methods classes.

She has been teaching for 19 years. Before she came to Taylor, she taught kindergarten, third, fourth and sixth grade at Mississinewa Elementary School in Gas City, Ind. Tyner and her husband have two children. Jody is a sophomore at Taylor, and Christine is a graduate from Wheaton College.

Nominations for this award are submitted by a selection committee comprised of faculty, recent graduates, last year's recipient and the vice president of academic affairs.

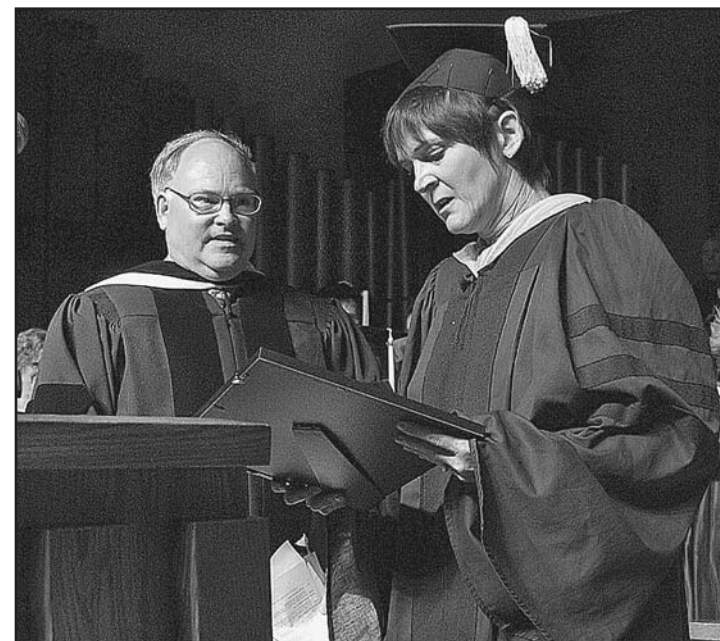


Photo by Jim Garringer

Dr. Cynthia Tyner received the Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership award in faculty chapel Friday. Tyner is the chair of the education department of the Ft Wayne and Upland campuses.

Matthews Bridge Festival opens this weekend

BY MEAGAN SMIGELSKY
STAFF WRITER

On a normal day, most Taylor students breeze right through the town of Matthews as they travel south. This weekend, there will be a few more reasons to stop.

This weekend, the Cumberland Covered Bridge Festival/Antique Engine, Car and Tractor Show will be held northeast of Matthews at the Cumberland Covered Bridge.

Over one hundred craft vendors are scheduled to showcase their specialties from original crafts to flea market items.

Antique engines and tractors will be displayed throughout the weekend as well as old mint condition Model As and Model Ts. Attendees will also have the chance to see a steam-powered sawmill in action.

For anyone who is craving "fair food," the Cumberland Covered Bridge Festival will have Coney dogs, steak sandwiches, elephant ears, deep-fried vegetables, shaved ice and funnel cakes.

Roger Richards of the Matthews Lions Club said that a fair favorite is the pork chop sandwich served by the Pork Producers of Delaware County.

Live music will play around the clock and will include local favorite Spike and the Bulldogs. These musicians play hits from the 1950s and 1960s.

Another band called Common Ground will play a mix of gospel, bluegrass and country on Sunday. The Taylor University Jazz Ensemble will play at 10 a.m. on Saturday. Other groups include the Mississinewa Valley Band and the Mississinewa Valley Swing Band that will play a collection of Big Band music on Friday night.

Several groups from the East Brook High School choral department will also perform.

Launda Lee will also perform in a magic show called "Magical F/X." Her act includes tricks using birds, a skunk and a miniature leopard.

Activities for children at the fair including pony rides, inflatable games and a sandpit where kids can dig for coins. Unfortunately for Taylor students, this activity is only for ages 3-12.

To complete the weekend's festivities, local churches from Matthews will host a church service on the festival grounds at 9 a.m. on Sunday.

Admission to the event is \$2, which will support the Matthews Lions Club. This charge helps to fund Lions Club donations to state and local charities.

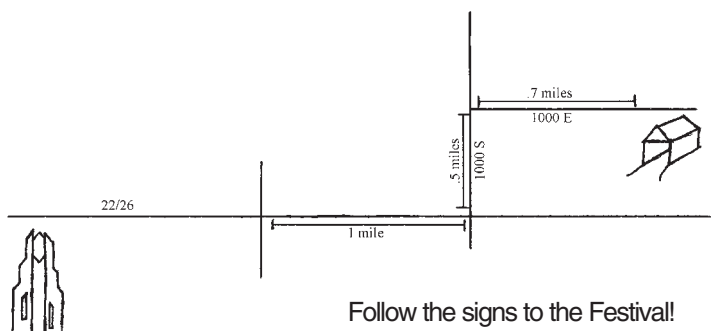
"There's not a lot to do in Upland on the weekend," Richards said.

He also said he hopes students will come out to Matthews to enjoy the festivities.



Photo by Ashley Smith

Larry Dyckman, vendor, hangs puppets in his tent at the Matthews Cumberland Covered Bridge festival Thursday to get ready to sell them at the festival this weekend.



Follow the signs to the Festival!

Illustration by Ashley Smith

Taylor grad returns to speak about C.S. Lewis

BY CRYSTAL POLLOCK
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The C.S. Lewis and Friends Society will meet in the Zondervan Library's Flood Room 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 10.

This month, Taylor graduate Tom Moorman will be speaking on "A Defense of Lewis' Argument from Reason in *Miracles*."

Over the years, Moorman studied the life of C.S. Lewis, said Dr. David Neuhouser, curator of the Edwin W. Brown Collection.

The session will include a lecture, a chance for discussion and refreshments afterwards in the Rice Lounge.

"It is a good chance to think about Lewis' use of reason and apologetics," Neuhouser said.

The society meets every other month from September to May. All interested are invited to attend and participate in the discussion.

Future meetings of the society are also scheduled for

November, January and the spring semester.

On Nov. 12, Professor Paulette Sauders from Grace College will speak on "The Idea of Love in the Fiction of C.S. Lewis."

In January, a panel will discuss the *Lord of the Rings* extended video series.

People attending the meetings range from Taylor faculty and students to society members and students from colleges including Grace, IWU and Anderson.

Another upcoming C. S. Lewis event will be a special called "The Question of God: C. S. Lewis and Sigmund Freud with Dr. Armand Nicholi," airing on PBS this month.

According to the PBS web site, the special will be a two-part program airing at 9 p.m. on Sept. 15 and 22.

However, Neuhouser said that the society's meeting will not address this topic.

For more information, contact Neuhouser at 998-5245.

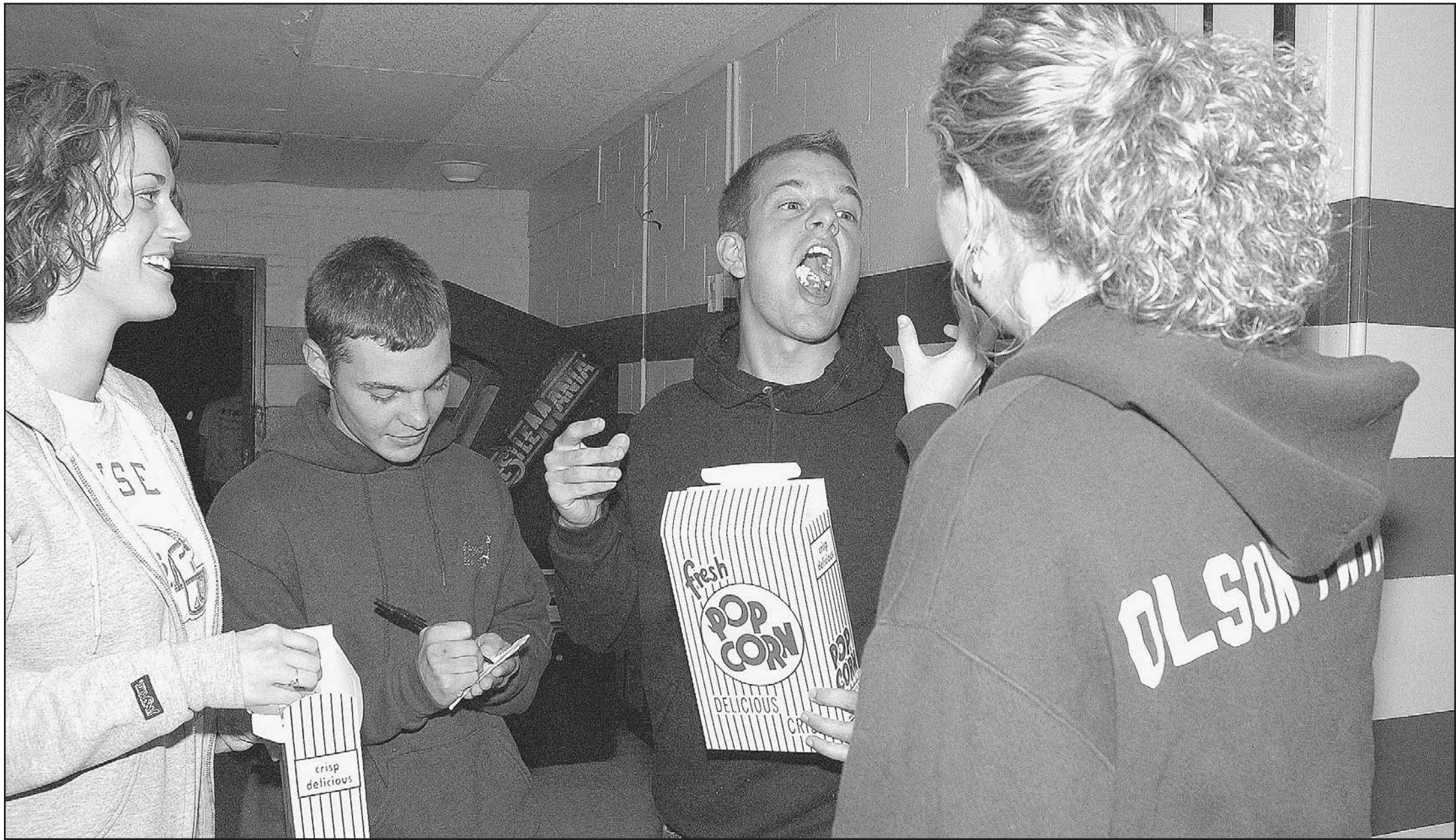


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Seniors Laura Gillmore, Jeremy Jones, Shawn Delinger, Ashley Chatfield enjoy concessions during the intermission between *The Village* and *Collateral* at Ski-Hi Drive-In in Muncie on Monday night.

Labor Day unites Upland, TU

BY ASHLEY SMITH
NEWS EDITOR

In 1894 the U.S. Congress passed a law recognizing Labor Day as a national holiday. Since then, the holiday celebrated the working class, and also marked the unofficial end of the summer season.

In celebration, people gather to prepare cookouts in their backyards, watch parades glide down city streets or enjoy the day off from work or school.

Taylor recognizes this holiday every year by giving students and some Taylor employees the day off.

Because of the holiday weekend, many from the Taylor and Upland community enjoyed events around the area.

For the last 58 years, the Upland Lions Club has held festivities for the weekend.

Events began Saturday morning with a pancake breakfast. Other events during the day included a

carnival, a truck and tractor pull and community rummage sales.

"I had a good time at the rummage sales," said senior Isaac Belcher. "I got some good deals."

Saturday's events also included mud races at the Lions Club's grounds.

"The mud races were pretty fun," said sophomore Lauren Shea. "It was really fun to watch people who were really into it."

Sunday's schedule included a beef and noodle lunch, an ice cream social, a car and motorcycle show and a rodeo.

Monday morning began with a parade in which many from the community participated, including Taylor staff.

Every year Taylor participates in the parade by constructing a float. This year's float was a Dodge Ram marked with Taylor paraphernalia pulling a decorated platform stage. It drove down the streets of Upland mimicking the parade's 1950s theme.

The University Relations staff with intern Brennecke Hommel, rode on the back of the float wearing clothing from the era.

"We used to really try to get [other] people to ride with us, but it was really difficult to get students to do it," said Joyce Wood, associate vice president for University Relations and Marketing. "We would love to have more students involved."

Some students rode in the Upland Lion's Club float this year.

"We accompanied the Lions Club in the back of the truck and threw out candy," Shea said. "It was a lot of fun."

There is also an annual drive-in movie in Muncie. At dusk, many Taylor students pack their cars with blankets, chairs, speakers and couches before cruising to the Ski-Hi Drive-In theater. The movies available were *Exorcist: The Beginning*, *Alien vs. Predator*, *The Village* and *Collateral*.

"The movies weren't the big summer blockbusters that they

usually are, but I personally went to see *The Village*," said senior Andrea Atkinson.

The outdoor theater carries two screens. On Labor Day weekend, the theater shows four movies, two on each screen, for \$6.

"It's a good deal to get to see two movies for \$6," Atkinson said.

While many enjoyed activities around the community, some just enjoyed the fact they did not have classes.

"I went to Indy and got to hang out with the Wheaton crew which was really cool," Belcher said. "It's cool to see people from our sister school."



Photo by Matt Wissman

Sophomore Renee Timbie searches through boxes for new-found treasures in the rummage sales in Upland on Saturday morning.



Photo by Matt Wissman

Left: Senior Brett Shafer grills food for a group of friends at Fairlane Apartments Monday.

Right: Seniors Chrissi Lucas and Whitney Zimmerman play a bean bag toss game out in front of Fairlane Monday.

Below: The University Relations staff created and rode in the Taylor float for this year's Labor Day parade in Upland.



Photo by Matt Wissman



Photo by Jim Garringer

Mu Kappa: A glance behind the scenes

A group for missionary kids and third culture kids helps with adjustment to life at Taylor and in the United States.

BY LAURA LAWSON
STAFF WRITER

When freshman Amy Wood visited Taylor for the first time, it was not the beautiful campus or the outstanding academic programs that sparked her interest. It was Mu Kappa.

Wood has split her time in China and the Philippines for most of the past decade. Taylor was an afterthought during her summer visit to the United States.

"I was actually looking at Anderson University, but I visited Taylor because a friend was coming here," Wood said.

During the course of her visit, Wood was introduced to Judy Daudt, one of the Mu Kappa sponsors.

"I was impressed with Taylor because of their efforts to be globally-minded," Wood said. "I was so excited about Mu Kappa, and that's what made me want to come here."

Coming to a new school in the United States was a source of worry for Wood, but those fears disappeared after she learned about Mu Kappa. She knew that when she came to Taylor, she would find a group of friends that would understand her and her background.

"It was comforting to know that I wasn't going to be alone, that I wasn't going to be the only person with that kind of background," Wood said.

Mu Kappa is an international organization that started on Taylor's campus in 1986. Since then, it has spread to more than 60 other

Christian schools, including Wheaton College, Calvin College, and Letoumeau University. Mu Kappa's goal is to provide a safe haven for missionary kids (MKs) and third culture kids (TCKs).

According to Daudt, a third culture kid is someone who has grown up overseas with their American parents, but are not missionary kids. These students feel they share a part in their parents' culture, their own culture, and the culture of the nation in which they grew up.

"[Mu Kappa] provides support for students going through a time of transition and culture shock."

- Benjamin Jerdin,
Mu Kappa president

"Because TCKs have a part in so many different cultures, they aren't sure where they fit in," Daudt said.

Mu Kappa was started by a group of MKs who realized how similar they were to each other. The name originated from the Greek letters for 'M' and 'K.'

"It's interesting how much these students have in common with each other, more than with other kids," Daudt said. "It's an opportunity for students to get together and share the things they have in common."

Mu Kappa's mission statement embraces the ideas of unity, acceptance, and growth through Christian fellowship. Taylor already promotes community, but

Mu Kappa provides specific support for students from unusual cultural backgrounds.

Benjamin Jerdan, the "Dictator" as Mu Kappa members affectionately call him, is the president of Mu Kappa. Jerdan, a senior from France, has been involved in Mu Kappa since his freshman year. Jerdan views Mu Kappa as a big support group.

"We understand the importance of who we are and our past. Since we all understand each others' needs, it's easier to listen," he said. "It provides support for students while they're going through a time of transition and culture shock."

The group plans regular events to foster the friendly environment in which the students can fellowship. "Chai Chats" are informal gatherings where the members of Mu Kappa get together to talk, drink chai, and sometimes hear from special speakers or discuss international issues. In addition, every Friday at 4 p.m., a group gathers in from of Wengatz Hall to play pick-up soccer.

The Mu Kappa cabinet plans other events throughout the year, including two retreats. The fall retreat is coming in two weeks.

Judy and Carl Daudt help oversee activities planned by the cabinet and try to be there for students during a difficult transition to another country.

"We function within the capacity of 'parents away from home,'" Judy said.

While Jerdan wants freshman MKs and TCKs to get involved with Mu Kappa, he also realizes the



Photo provided by Carl and Judy Daudt

Mu Kappa members Abby Treese '07, Sky Siu '05, Chris Coleman '08 and John Walt '08 enjoy each others' company and an international meal at Wandering Wheels.

importance of other relationships.

"We encourage freshman to get involved with their wings or floors, not just Mu Kappa. Balance is important," he said.

Wood agrees it is important to build and strengthen relationships on the wing.

"It definitely takes effort to step out

of my comfort zone in Mu Kappa, but we all encourage each other to step out and do things with our wings, too," she said.

Jerdan encourages students that are not either MKs or TCKs to come to Mu Kappa events. He believes it would help the rest of Taylor's student body to under-

stand both MKs and TCKs, and vice versa.

"If you're open, if you really want to learn about missions work and the impact it has on kids, we're open to you. We wish people would be more open to us, because we definitely want to be open to them," he said.

Nurse practitioner finds her place at Taylor



Photo by Michelle Martini

Taylor's new nurse practitioner, Cindy Waggy, examines student Kyle Loewen. Waggy will be at the health center three days a week.

BY ELIZABETH DIFFIN
FEATURES EDITOR

The next time a sore throat and congestion strike, pay Cindy Waggy a visit. She is the new family nurse practitioner at the Haakonsen Health Center.

Waggy assumed the role Dr. John Kennedy held for the past several years. Although Kennedy is still involved in supervising Waggy and reviewing a percentage of her charts, he will not be seeing patients.

"I do just about everything the physicians do," Waggy said.

She is able to write prescriptions, suture, treat various illnesses and perform physicals.

"I am here to support the student body in their health care needs and injury treatment," she said.

Waggy did her undergraduate work at Indiana University and completed her masters' degree after studies at I.U. and Indiana Wesleyan. She has been a nurse practitioner for 10 years and was involved in nursing long before that.

Indiana state law says nurse practitioners must have a collaborative agreement with a doctor in order to have prescriptive powers.

"The difference to me [between doctors and nurse practitioners] is that I spend more time teaching,"

she said. "It's because of my nursing background."

She hopes to teach Taylor students about various topics during their visits to the health center. These areas include nutrition and stress relief. She is also willing to refer students to additional resources, such as counselors and dietitians.

"Students need to take care of themselves and avoid getting sick," she said. "It's proactive, not reactive."

Waggy comes to Taylor from Work Right, an occupational health clinic with Marion General Hospital. She heard about the job opening from Kennedy, who also works at the clinic. She even visited campus two or three times last year "to get the feel of things." Her schedule on-campus will be Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. while she continues her work in Marion.

Although Waggy currently resides in Marion, she used to live in Upland. She graduated from Eastbrook High School, and her two sons and four grandchildren went there, as well.

Waggy is excited for the upcoming school year, although she has only been at the health center for a few weeks.

"Students away from home need

someone to talk to," she said. "Their parents are not there to talk about the minor things."

As a mother and grandmother, she feels that she is better able to relate to students and is approachable.

She is also very impressed with the student body.

"The students I have met are very kind and polite," she said. "It's nice to see that there are nice kids out there."

Since she is still new, she is not sure of the exact challenges she will face. She is still in "learning mode" and is keeping an open attitude.

"The staff [at the health center] is very easy to work with and very knowledgeable," Waggy said. "Dr. Kennedy had been here a long time. They're being patient with me."

McDonald throws first pitch for Twins

BY MIA WALES
STAFF WRITER

First came the wind-up, then the pitch. Moments later, Stephanie McDonald proudly descended from the pitcher's mound in the Minneapolis Metrodome with a \$60,000 scholarship and a huge grin on her face.

McDonald, a freshman from Kokomo, Ind., was awarded both the scholarship and a chance to pitch the first ball at a Minnesota Twins baseball game by the BPO Elks of the USA. The Elks are one of the largest fraternal organizations in the world. McDonald discovered the application for the scholarship while searching online.

"I almost didn't apply when I saw it was [a national scholarship]," said McDonald.

The Elks Club chooses one male and one female applicant every year, based on GPA, ACT or SAT scores, and leadership abilities. During McDonald's years at Northwestern High School she was very involved as the National Honor Society President, class vice president, senior leader of the dance team and small group leader at her church.

McDonald was eating lunch with her friends on senior skip day when she found out she had received the scholarship.

"Right there, in the middle of the restaurant, I screamed and tears just started streaming down my face from joy and excitement," McDonald said. A difficult financial situation made the scholarship even more meaningful.



Photo courtesy of www.elks.org

Freshman Stephanie McDonald (left) poses with the Minnesota Twins' mascot and fellow scholarship-winner Colin Stecker.

"Deep in my heart I had a calming sense that God had everything figured out," McDonald said later.

McDonald and her mom were flown to Minnesota and escorted by limousine courtesy of the Elks. While there, she and the other winner, Colin Stecker, formally addressed the 12,000 people at the National Elks Convention, and thanked them for their generous gift.

"It has been a truly extraordinary opportunity, and it gives me hope for the future that one day I may be able to belong to such a great organization as this," McDonald said in her speech.

In keeping with tradition, the Elks also invited McDonald, as one of their two scholarship winners, to throw out the first pitch at the Minnesota Twins baseball game on the Elks' annual "Twins Day."

"My dad is from Minnesota, so I always idolized the Twins," McDonald said.

She also got a feel of what it is like

to be on a baseball team. "We weren't supposed to be able to talk with the baseball guys," she said, "but we were right by the dugout, so they would come over and talk to us."

After the game, the Elks presented McDonald with a baseball bat that was autographed by former Twins player Kent Hrbek. Although she did not meet him personally, Hrbek was at the game and requested that the bat be given to McDonald.

McDonald chose to come to Taylor because she wanted to attend a Christian school and loved the community here. She is a social work major with a minor in Christian education.

Although McDonald is not completely sure what she wants to do, she has thought about either family counseling or overseas missions work as possible career choices.

At this point, it does not seem like Major League pitching is in her future.

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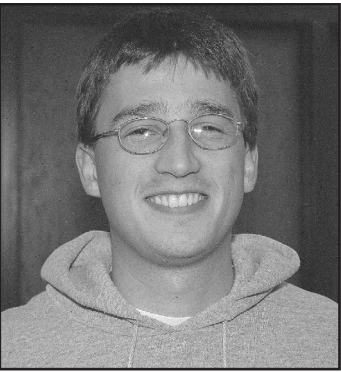
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"I have come to the conclusion that politics are too serious a matter to be left to the politicians."
-Charles de Gaulle

TU students responsible to join discourse

*And, Just as he felt he was getting nowhere,
And almost about to give up in despair;
He suddenly burst through a door and that Mayor
Discovered one shirker! Quite hidden away
In the Fairfax Apartments (Apartment 12-J)
A very small, very small shirker named Jo-Jo
Was standing, just standing, and bouncing a Yo-Yo!
Not making a sound! Not a yipp! Not a chirp!
And the Mayor rushed inside and he grabbed the young twerp!*



By LUKE RUSE
GUEST COLUMNIST

Being immersed in a quality liberal arts education, you will immediately recognize the above passage as a dire moment in Dr. Seuss' great work, "Horton Hears A Who." Just as Whoville is about to meet a most terrifying fate, little Jo-Jo joins his voice to the chorus of his fellow citizens, persuading a skeptical judge in the cause of humanity, and saving a civilization. Horton is a wonderful children's book, but it can also serve as a timely encouragement to join in the great national dia-

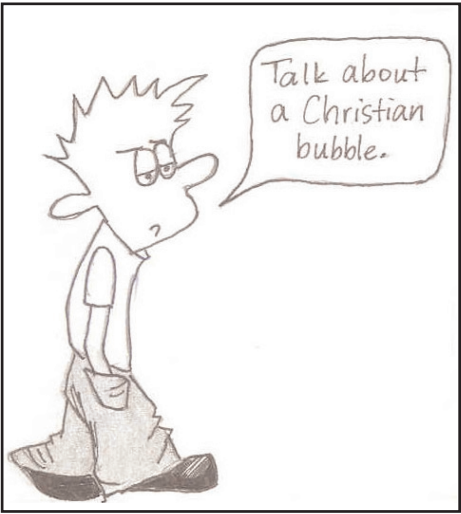
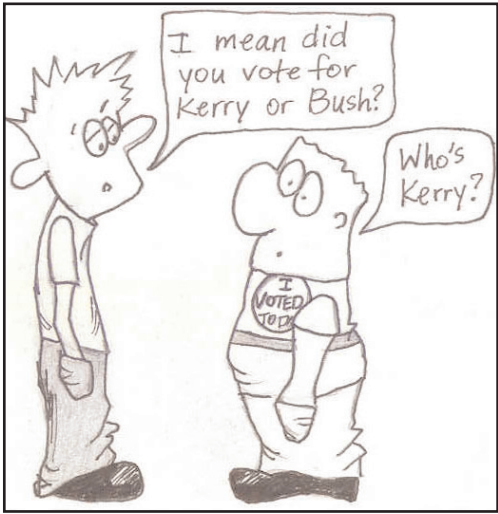
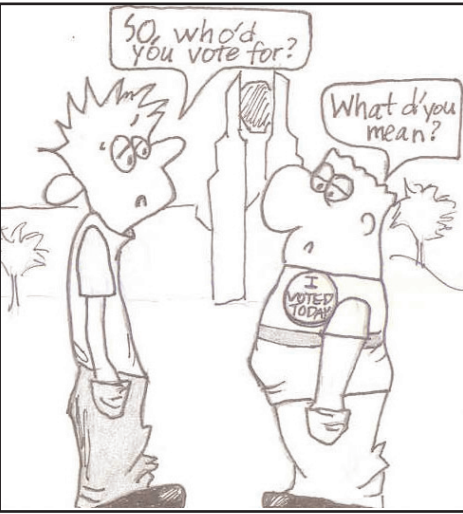
logue, ever-present and currently illuminated because of the upcoming presidential election. Perhaps our situation isn't quite so dramatic as the poor Whos'. If you don't engage in this dialogue there is no immediate danger that you're going to be boiled "in a hot steaming kettle of Beezle-Nut oil." But that doesn't negate the fact that there are pressing national and international issues that demand our attention and for which we must accept a certain degree of responsibility. When Gary Haugen, President of the International Justice Mission, graced our campus a few years ago, he explained that as voting citizens of the United States we are among the most powerful individuals the world has ever seen. If properly articulated with appropriate "vigor and vim," it is your individual and collective voice and

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concerns that drive your elected officials and it is their vote that drives the policy efforts of the world's only superpower. Haugen's message focused on the stewardship of power and the duty we have to engage the political system in simple ways. There is certainly no lack of important issues or causes to

champion from a national economy trying to redefine itself or a stalled educational system to Iraqi reconstruction and international human rights. Perhaps you're discouraged, believing that one vote doesn't make a difference. Perhaps, just perhaps it's true; but one voice-what a difference one voice can make. And quite truly, it is your voice and participation in thoughtful and significant dialogue, more than a simple vote every few years, that makes you a contributing member of society. Everyone is encouraged to vote, but often it's more important, and more rare to thoughtfully engage in the discussion that leads to the election and surrounds not just the candidates, but the issues of national and international concern. Remember that immediate efficacy is not our sole focus.

Healthy dialogue has inherent value even when it cannot be concretely traced to great action. Participation in civil discourse isn't a difficult or even demanding process. Read the front section of the Indianapolis Star, set your homepage to your favorite newspaper so you're bound to scan the headlines, make a date with Judy Woodruff to watch "Inside Politics," write a letter to *The Echo* or submit an entry to *The Interchange* about an issue of concern or interest. And if you're really feeling brave one day this fall, you might humbly attempt to elevate the conversation of your lunch table beyond the fascinating world of sports statistics. Be informed and be involved. Whatever you do, don't be a shirker! Go ahead, "open your mouth, lad! For every voice counts!"



By EMILY KIEFER

College studies are gifts, not burdens

By LAURA ALMDALE
GUEST COLUMNIST

I spent much of my summer as a camp counselor exploring nature and the great outdoors with groups of elementary students. When asked by a program director to plan and lead a nature camp, I initially felt unprepared and ill equipped; however, what began as an overwhelming task eventually paved the way for some of the most enjoyable and rewarding experiences of the summer. I was continually amazed and delighted by the excitement and curiosity the kids brought to their study and exploration of the outdoors. We hiked through woods, splashed down a creek, identified species of plants and trees, searched for fossils, captured crayfish, and fed cicadas to hungry bluegill. I was plied with hundreds of questions, some of which I could answer and others I could not. Needless to say, I learned a lot along the way. Not to be outdone by little kids, I forced myself to hold snakes and become closely acquainted with large spiders. I told myself that these rather creepy reptiles and arachnids were cool, and eventually, inspired by the excitement of my young nature explorers, I think I actually began to believe it.

It is refreshing to teach and observe those with minds and bodies eager to learn and explore the world around them. Too often we approach our studies as we might approach a mundane chore or unwelcome responsibility. We endure lectures, write papers, and complete projects to earn course credits which translate into a degree which we all hope will eventually result in a desired job or preferred professional position. At what point in our lives as students — or perhaps at what point during each semester — do we lose the excitement for learning that I saw so clearly displayed this summer in the bright eyes and enthusiastic questions of young children? What might this year hold for us if we approach it with minds open, willing, and eager to learn? What lessons might be learned if we regularly bring cleansed and malleable hearts into the presence of our loving, generous, and all-knowing Lord? We will finish our studies at Taylor in one, two, three, maybe even four more years, but as students of a Teacher whose vast amount of wisdom and knowledge is beyond adequate appreciation or understanding, our journey of learning has only just begun. This year, embrace with an eager mind and open heart what He has to teach you.

Kind welcome eases transition



By TRISTAN BOUGHTON
GUEST COLUMNIST

The slow, barely discernable evening breeze slightly ruffled a few hairs on my head as I stood on the brick front porch of my family's home. The air was heavy with the scent of poppies growing in the pot next to me and the odor of freshly cut

grass mingled with a hint of gas. The scents of the evening breeze brought vivid memories flowing to my mind of the time I had spent living in Leesburg, Virginia and of how in a few short hours I would be leaving much of what I knew as familiar to go to college and start a new chapter in my life. As I stood there on the front porch, I could not have possibly imagined what my experiences moving in, meeting new people, and starting my education at Taylor University would be like. After a long day driving to the Upland, IN area and a harrowing night in a local hotel, I moved into my room in Swallow Robin Hall on Friday, August 26. It was a hectic time as my family and I hauled all of my necessary belongings up seemingly endless flights of

stairs and organized it in my room. It was a confusing and rather stressful because of the thought of how quickly everything was happening and how my family would be leaving soon. I felt as if I did not have time to fully deal with my emotions and that I had been hurled into a new life without a sense of where I was going or what I needed to do to get to my unknown final destination. During my first week here at Taylor, my greatest first impression was how welcoming and kind everyone was that I met. It certainly made my transition into college life much easier to have so many people make me feel welcome. I look forward to the rest of my time here at Taylor and becoming a part of the strong community here. In classes during the week, I

was impressed by the professors and how exceptional their teaching is. I was used to thinking of college classes as being similar to a few classes I took at a community college, where one could not always count on getting a good professor. I was amazed at how every one of my professors here at Taylor is exceptional and was encouraged to know that I do not need to feel bashful about seeking help and ask questions I might have about the course material. In the end, my move to Taylor and social and academic transitions went much more smoothly than I had originally anticipated. It has been a wonderful experience for me so far to be part of such a strong community. I am excited about continuing to grow in my faith as I dive into my college experience here at Taylor University.

Letter to the Editor

Leave Internet Explorer behind: Firefox the better browser

One of my greatest frustrations with some computer users is the idea that the Internet = the blue E icon on their desktop. Internet Explorer is just one program used to access Web pages. It is just a Web browser, not actually the Internet itself. The fact that this happens shows that Microsoft's monopoly has adverse effects on users' choices and competition. That is not the main reason for my frustration. When people use Internet Explorer they are degrading their Internet experience and putting themselves in danger. In today's world of fast spreading viruses, spyware and privacy issues, computer security has become paramount. Internet Explorer allows Web sites to install viruses and spyware on a computer without the user knowing about it. There have been many well-known holes in Internet Explorer that have gone weeks or months before being fixed by Microsoft, if they are fixed at all. New bugs in Internet Explorer are being found all the time. I am not the only one concerned about Internet Explorer's weak security. In June, the US Computer Emergency Readiness Team (CERT) recommends that in light of the widespread virus attacks that target



holes in Internet Explorer, users should consider an alternate Web browser. CERT is a part of the Department of Homeland Security that deals with Internet security in the United States. So, what are these alternate Web browsers that CERT and others recommend? There are a few: Opera, Mozilla, Firefox and Safari (for Mac only). Firefox, of the four, is widely considered the best alternative to Internet Explorer. Since Firefox is not part Windows, like Internet Explorer, holes or bugs in Firefox are less dangerous. When a hole is found in Firefox, a patch is released in hours or days. Firefox also does not run ActiveX programs. Firefox has several features that make it more usable than Internet Explorer. One of these is tabbed browsing. This feature allows the user to open multiple pages in one window. For instance, when doing a Google search instead of opening several new windows to view the links Google returned, it is possible in Firefox to open a link in a new tab, by middle clicking the link. This feature helps keep the user's desktop clutter free. Firefox also blocks annoying, unwanted popup ads. There are a few things that Internet Explorer is good for, such as running

Windows Update and checking Taylor mail, but for everyday surfing in the wilds of the Internet, Firefox wins out. For its speed, security and user-friendly interface, Firefox is quickly gaining support. According to the W3C (an Internet standards organization), Firefox/Mozilla is now used by 14.9% of Internet users. Convinced? Want more information about alternate browsers? Check out <http://browshappy.com> for a comparison of alternate browsers or <http://www.mozilla.org> to download Firefox. Firefox is free and available for Windows, Mac and Linux. By Matthew Wissman

VOTER REGISTRATION
Don't forget to register to vote and request absentee ballots for the Nov. 2 election! Absentee ballot registration for most states ends Oct. 2. See your state's Web site for more information.

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"Artists to my mind are the real architects of change and not the political legislators who implement change after the fact."

-William S. Burroughs

Lovedrug brings celestial melodies, resounding guitars to Recital Hall

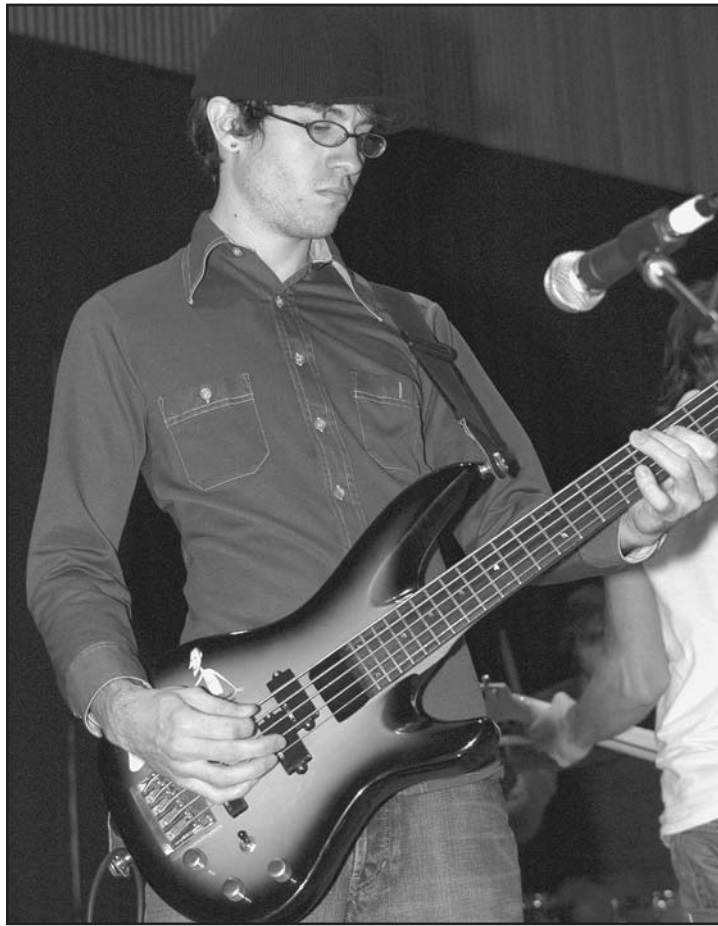


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Adam Ladd (left) and Michael Shepard (right) bring their Ohio-based quartet, Lovedrug, to Taylor Thursday night.



Photo by Alisse Goldsmith

BY EMILY GILBERT &
JAMIN CLUTCHER
Guest Columnists

It was a free show. Why weren't you there?

Integration of Faith and Culture kicked off the year with their first sponsored show

Thursday night: Away with Vega and The Lonely Hearts supporting Lovedrug.

Marion's Away with Vega's four song performance was backed up with singing and clapping by their strong Indiana following.

Their tight harmonies and see-saw vocals flowed into each others faces, quickly

drawing the crowd into their short set. Although they have found a unique sound their music still lacks the structure heard in a mature band.

Following were the southern belles with the southern drawl. The Lonely Hearts' christian country pop rock set lacked stage presence by everyone but the lead singer and one man can't carry the show.

Their set was fast and it was slow. It was mellow and it was rockin'.

Besides the aesthetically challenged performance, the songs the band played were pleasing to the ears. The inter twining genres had something for everyone with slide guitar and twangy vocals graced with simple drumbeats.

Lovedrug started their play list with the first song of their new full length, *Pretend You're Alive*. Even before the singing, the long introduction to the song captured the attention of everyone in the Recital Hall,

creating an eerie silence. Their set was fast and it was slow. It was mellow and it was rockin'.

Lead vocalist Michael Shepard has a unique quality in his voice. The most frustrating thing about it is wanting to compare it to someone (Thom Yorke, Matthew Bellamy, and Jeremy Enigk) but not being able to. His voice resembles that of many before him but has an attribute all of its own.

Switching between piano and guitar with his Billy Corgan-esque stage presence, Sheppard helped bring new dynamics into each song.

Even after the Indiana Wesleyan students had to cut out early to meet curfew, the band continued undaunted to play the second half.

Although they put on an excellent show, Lovedrug still remains one of those bands you love live but are disappointed with when you put on the CD after the concert. The live show offers a set that flows and fits together without flaw, something that their albums can't do.

Musicians pool efforts to raise election awareness



Photo courtesy www.msncb.msn.com

The "Vote for Change" tour, comprised of some of America's most well-known musical acts, will appear in nine swing states to raise funds for America Coming Together, an organization dedicated to changing the country's leadership in 2004

BY JOE DARLING
A&E EDITOR

One of the primary modes of inspiration for artists of all media over the course of history includes issues concerning government, society and the political realm. A steady debate has ensued for ages over the role of art in politics and vice versa.

It remains an interesting dispute today, but the ambiguities surrounding it are endless.

Art has consistently interacted with politics lending voice to discontented citizens through poetry, prose, music and visual arts. Some of the most compelling and heartfelt artistic expression has emerged from periods of strife, poverty and conflict.

Today, many events evoke this artistic spirit, stir within the artist's heart and spur them to speak through creation in the U.S. alone. Just as artists are inspired to create, people identify with the art and are inspired to act on what the artist incited.

The situation in America is quite a bit less volatile than it was for, say, Victor Hugo during the French Revolution or Pablo Picasso during the Spanish Civil War. Regardless of the severity of

the situation, these methods are tried and true in evoking action and that's exactly the intention of the "Vote for Change" swing state tour.

"We're trying to change the current administration. There's no need to be coy about it," Springsteen said in an interview with *Rolling Stone*.

So maybe Bruce Springsteen doesn't speak on your behalf. Maybe attending the "Vote for Change" tour of him and many other leftist musicians isn't on the top of your priority list this fall.

Likewise, maybe you would've preferred Christian rockers Third Day had taken a less predictable political stand than to rock the Republican National Convention.

There's no need to argue the fact that many lines have been drawn dividing the majority of the U.S. into two incredibly competitive and often slanderous groups.

Thousands gathered outside of the Republican National Convention last week marching and protesting. Thousands gathered inside to cheer and celebrate. Maybe it makes you a little queasy to watch either one.

Either way, there seem to be countless organizations entrusting musicians with carrying

their political messages this fall. The options are virtually limitless for young voters hoping to inform themselves for the 2004 election.

One organization, Music for America, communicates with potential voters by appearing at hundreds of music events across the nation. Instead of endorsing a specific candidate, they focus on issues that affect American youth. By seeping into the doors of these nationwide cultural events, Music for America is hoping to get 1 million people involved in the political process this year.

In an effort to integrate hip hop culture and social concerns, the Hip-Hop Summit Action Network has success-

"The point is to participate, not to talk about who you should vote for."

-Ani DiFranco

fully registered over 500,000 new voters through a series of national summits since 2001. They aim to raise this number to 2 million by the end of 2004

Many of these organizations rely on constantly updated websites for correspondence with would-be voters. The internet is responsible for a much greater interest in political activism by young voters and musicians alike, according to an article by Bill Holland in *Billboard Magazine*.

"The point is to participate," said Ani DiFranco in an interview with *Billboard Magazine*, "not to talk about who you should vote for."

Regardless of political persuasion, young voters are granted myriad opportunities to learn about current events and the issues that affect them, thanks to the growing collaboration of artists, grass roots political organizations and the Internet.



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IFC Presents: The Royal Tenenbaums



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Wes Anderson's *The Royal Tenenbaums* will be shown in Modelle Metcalfe Visual Arts Center room 002 on Tuesday, September 14 at 8:00 pm. The film is the first installment of IFC's monthly film event and will be followed by discussion. Attendance is free and snacks will be provided.

Lady Trojans in cruise control

Six straight wins have Taylor volleyball cruising after dropping first two in Arkansas



Photo by Matt Wissman
Freshman Maggie Henss sets the ball in Tuesday's game.

By JUSTIN POTTS
SPORTS EDITOR

After losing its first two games of the season in a tournament at John Brown Unviersity in Arkansas, the Taylor volleyball team has rallied to win six straight, including Tuesday night's four-game win over Mid-Central Conference foe Grace College.

In the first match of the season, Taylor fell to Bellevue (Neb.) University in three games (25-30, 31-33, 32-34).

That same day, the Lady Trojans fell to 15th ranked John Brown 3-1 (32-30, 26-30, 19-30, 21-30).

The next day, Taylor recovered to win two matches, trouncing Bacone (Okla.) College (30-8, 30-10, 30-13)

and Williams Baptist (Ark.) College (30-18, 30-13, 30-21).

For the weekend, sophomore star Linsey Taatjes led the team with 54 kills and 15 solo blocks. Christine Amony added 42 blocks while senior Erin Ling added eight solo blocks.

Freshman setter Maggie Henns tallied 132 assists, while senior Rachel Malinsky and junior Emily Dye recorded 73 and 61 digs respectively.

Taylor returned home last weekend after Hurricane Frances canceled the team's trip to Florida. The Lady Trojans soundly beat conference foes Huntington College (30-19, 24-30, 30-15, 30-28) and Marian College (30-19, 30-20, 30-21), as well as Spalding (Ky.) University (30-25, 30-23, 30-15).

Taatjes led Taylor with 17 kills against Huntington and 19 against Spalding.

On Tuesday night, Taylor beat Grace College in four games (30-12, 30-24, 28-30, 30-24) in front of a packed and loud Odle Gymnasium crowd.

Taylor breezed through the first game before falling behind in the second. The Lady Trojans mounted a comeback to win the second game. In the third game, Grace took the lead and never relinquished it, but in the final game, Taylor put it out of reach throughout.

The win put Taylor at 6-2 heading into this weekend's tournament at Madonna (Mich.) University.

Christine Amony was named MCC Player of the Week, averaging 3.5 kills per game.



Photo by Matt Wissman
Sophomore Linsey Taatjes bumps a ball over the net in Tuesday night's four-game win over Grace College.

Trojans stall in opener; focus on wagon wheel

By JUSTIN POTTS
SPORTS EDITOR

The 2004 version of Taylor football opened its season last weekend with a 38-7 defeat at William Penn University.

The new-look offense never found its rhythm, gaining only 123 yards of total offense.

Taylor found itself down early, giving up 14 points in the first nine minutes of the game. William Penn started the scoring with a 46-yard touchdown pass from Kentrell Jones to Andy Stokes just five minutes into the game.

Three minutes later Jones hooked up with Edward Simms for a 34-yard touchdown to put the Statesmen up 14-0.

In the second quarter, William Penn found the endzone again, this time a 17-yard touchdown pass from Jones to James Fountaine to put the Statesmen up 21-0 heading into the locker room.

Taylor finally got on the board in the third quarter when William Penn fumbled on its own four yard line. Josiah Boomershine scored on a two-yard run.

That was all Taylor would get. William Penn scored on the ensuing possession, a 51-yard touchdown run by Jones.

In the fourth quarter, William Penn widened the gap even more with a 16-yard touchdown run by

James Jackson.

Steven Quintero finished the scoring onslaught with a 37-yard field goal with two minutes remaining to reach the final margin of 38-7.

Freshman Anthony Lee Jr. led Taylor in rushing with 52 yards.

Sophomore quarterback Wes Krider completed 8-of-27 passes for 81 yards and two interceptions in his starting quarterback debut.

Sophomore Tad Litwiller led Taylor in receiving with two catches for 30 yards, while senior Bryan Jackson had three catches for 28 yards and Ked Hirschy caught two passes for 20 yards.

Defensively seniors Ryan Ott and D.J. Jergensen led Taylor with 11 tackles apiece. Ott had the Trojans' lone sack of the game.

Ott, Jergensen and sophomores Evan Hudson and Ryan Daniels each recovered fumbles.

Jones was the man of the game for William Penn, connecting on 6-of-14 passes for 204 yards and three touchdowns, as well as rushing for 52 yards and a touchdown.

Tomorrow Taylor travels down I-69 to take on Anderson University in the "Wagon Wheel" rivalry game.

Anderson (0-1) lost its opener last week 43-20 to Olivet Nazarene University.

Anderson won last year's meeting at Taylor 27-22 to take back the Wagon Wheel.



Taylor men's & women's tennis

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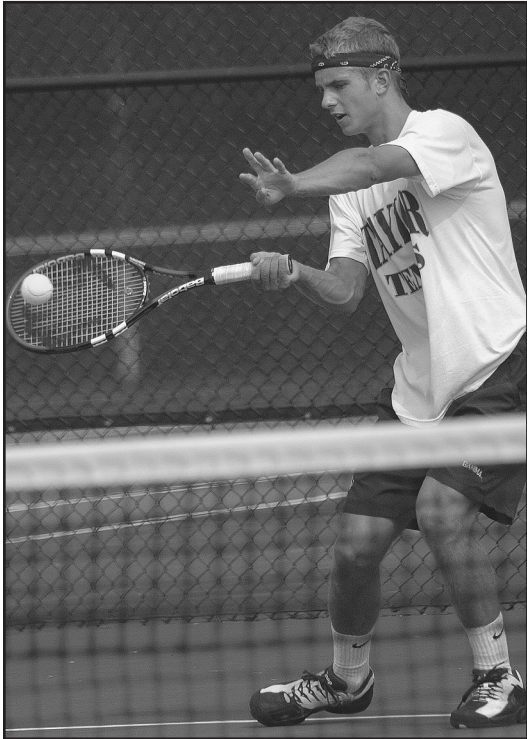


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2004 Men's Tennis Schedule

Sept. 2	at Earlham	W 7-0
Sept. 4	vs. Marian	L 4-5
Sept. 7	vs. Spring Arbor	W 8-1
Sept. 9	at Olivet Nazarene	TBA
Sept. 11	at Huntington	10 a.m.
Sept. 14	at DePauw	4 p.m.
Sept. 16	vs. Anderson	4 p.m.
Sept. 18	vs. Grace	10 a.m.
Sept. 21	vs. Goshen 3:30 p.m.	
Sept. 23-25	Regional Tourney (at Cedarville University)	8 a.m.
Sept. 28	at Bethel	2 p.m.
Sept. 30	vs. IWU	3 p.m.
Oct. 7-9	MCC Tourney (in Indianapolis)	1 p.m.

2004 Women's Tennis Schedule

Aug. 28	at Goshen Doubles	2nd
Sept. 2	at Anderson	W 8-1
Sept. 4	vs. Marian	W 8-1
Sept. 8	vs. Spring Arbor	W 9-0
Sept. 9	at Olivet Nazarene	W 8-1
Sept. 11	at Huntington	11 a.m.
Sept. 14	vs. St. Francis	4 p.m.
Sept. 18	at Grace	11 a.m.
Sept. 21	vs. Goshen	4 p.m.
Sept. 23-25	Regional Tourney	8 a.m.
Sept. 28	at Bethel	3:30 p.m.
Sept. 30	vs. Franklin	4 p.m.
Oct. 2	at IWU	11 a.m.
Oct. 5	vs. Manchester	4 p.m.
Oct. 7-8	MCC Tourney (Indy)	9 a.m.

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AU Scoring Offense	<div></div> 20 ppg.
TU Scoring Defense	<div></div> 38 ppg.
AU Scoring Defense	<div></div> 43 ppg.
TU Pass Offense	<div></div> 81 ypg.
AU Pass Offense	<div></div> 196 ypg.
TU Pass Defense	<div></div> 291 ypg.
AU Pass Defense	<div></div> 147 ypg.
TU Rush Offense	<div></div> 42 ypg.
AU Rush Offense	<div></div> 156 ypg.
TU Rush Defense	<div></div> 222 ypg.
AU Rush Defense	<div></div> 260 ypg.



Men's soccer takes two in Tri-State, drops one on home turf

By JUSTIN POTTS
SPORTS EDITOR

The Taylor men's soccer team picked up its first win of the season last Friday with a 3-1 win over Davenport (Mich.) College at Tri-State University.

Freshman Nate Miller got Taylor started with a shot from 18 yards out.

Sophomore David McDougal followed with a goal of his own, knocking in a Jeff Brooke corner kick to put Taylor up 2-0 at the half.

In the second half, Davenport answered with a penalty kick goal, but Taylor was too much. McDougal headed in his second goal of the game. Miller was credited with the assist.

Taylor out-shot Davenport 14-5 in the victory.

On Saturday Taylor recorded its second win in as many days with a 1-0 victory over Rochester (Mich.) College.

On Tuesday Taylor's offense stalled as it fell to Aquinas College 4-1.

Aquinas scored 10 minutes into the game on a loose ball, then added another with 10 minutes to play before the half on a beautiful shot from 18 yards out.

In the second half, Taylor brought it within 2-1. Walk-on junior Andy Long scored on an assist from Brooke.

Aquinas answered two minutes later, then closed the game with a goal in the final minutes.

Taylor hosts the University of Indianapolis today at 4 p.m. and Indiana Tech tomorrow at 2 p.m.

Cornerstone shuts down Lady Trojans; Taylor earns draw with Aquinas

By JUSTIN POTTS
SPORTS EDITOR

Former Lady Trojan Melissa Strohmaier returned to Taylor triumphantly last Friday as Cornerstone University (3-2) spoiled Taylor's home opener with a 2-0 win.

The game was evenly fought throughout, but Cornerstone's Lena Baldwin was the difference, scoring two goals in the first half.

Strohmaier, being shadowed by Taylor defender Melissa Willard, was held scoreless for just the second time in five games this season.

Emily Wallace made seven saves in goal for Taylor.

On Tuesday the Lady Trojans played to a 1-1 draw with Aquinas College.

Aquinas (2-1-1) got on the board early with a goal eight minutes into the game.

The score remained 1-0 through the half. Taylor junior Brittany Long evened it up with a beautiful left foot shot from the left wing just five minutes into the second half.

The game remained even the rest of the way.

Tomorrow Taylor travels to Marian College for its first conference match of the season. TU returns home on Monday against Trinity Christian University at 4 p.m.

THIS WEEK...

Home games in bold		
FOOTBALL		
Saturday	1:30 p.m.	at Anderson
MEN'S SOCCER		
Today	4 p.m.	vs. Indianapolis
Saturday	2 p.m.	vs. Indiana Tech
WOMEN'S SOCCER		
Saturday	11 a.m.	at Marian
Monday	4 p.m.	vs. Trinity Christian
VOLLEYBALL		
Today	TBA	at Madonna (Mich.) Tourn.
Saturday	TBA	at Madonna (Mich.) Tourn.
Tuesday	8 p.m.	vs. Manchester
MEN'S TENNIS		
Tuesday	4 p.m.	at DePauw
Thursday	4 p.m.	vs. Anderson
WOMEN'S TENNIS		
Saturday	10 a.m.	at Huntington
Tuesday	4 p.m.	vs. St. Francis
Thursday	3 p.m.	at Olivet Nazarene (Ill.)
MEN'S/WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY		
Saturday	10:15 a.m.	Taylor Invitational